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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: DOUGLAS RUGG)
) GROUP ART UNIT
SERIAL NO: 09/527,066) 3727
)
FILED: March 17, 2000) EXAMINER
) STEPHEN P. GARBE
FOR: BAG FOR CARRYING A BALL)
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Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

OF THREE (3) MONTHS FOR RESPONSE TO

OFFICE ACTION AND PAYMENT OF FEE THEREOF

Dear Sir:

An Office Action dated December 30, 2003 was received in the above-identified Application, which set a time for response of one (1) month from the date thereof, requiring that a response

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be filed on or before January 30, 2004. Under 35 U.S.C. Section 133, the maximum period set for response is six (6) months.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136(a), the undersigned elects to extend the shortened statutory time from response by three (3) month, which extends the response date from January 30, 2004 to April 30, 2004. The Small Entity Fee set in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(a)(3) for responding three (3) months beyond the shortened statutory time for response is \$475.00. A check for \$475.00 is enclosed. If any additional fees are due, please charge the same to Deposit Account No. 13-2515.

Based on the above, the shortened statutory time for reply is extended three (3) months to April 30, 2004, by filing this Petition for an extension of time prior to or with the response due herein and payment of the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,



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